THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Exports of cotton yarn to EEC from India and a few other countries are subject to qutoa restriction. USA also has inposed quota restrictions on import of cotton yarn from a few countries. However, cotton yarn exports from India to USA are not subject to specific limit but are under an overall group limit.

(b) Government have no information on the stand reported to have taken by Chaina and Pakistan in the matter of unutilised quota of yarn.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Increasing the production of Cotton

2226. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of cotton produced, State-wise/District-wise including in Punjab: and

(b) what efforts are being made to Government to increase production of cotton in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The total quantity of cotton produced, state-wise (district-wise details not available) in the country during the cotton season 1993-94 had been estimated as under:—

(Qty. in lakh bales of 170 kg. each)

State	Estimated Production
Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan	38.5
Gujarat	19.5
Maharashtra	19.00
Madhya Pradesh	12.5
Andhra Pradesh	20.5
Karnataka	8.5
Tamil Nadu	5.50
Others	1.00
Total	125.00

(b) The Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) in important cotton growing states, including Punjab, to increase the production of all types of cotton to meet the domestic requirement and export surplus produce. Under the scheme, financial assistance to provide to the states for supply of critical inputs, such as seeds, pesticides, equipments, irrigation, sprinklers as also for organising demonstrations of improved technology and farmers training etc.

***Sick and New Textile Mills in Punjab**

2227. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills in Punjab which are sick and suffered losses;

(b) the details of each mill and the effective measures Government propose for improvement of the said mills; and

(c) the details of new textiles units proposed to be established in the State during the period of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) As on 31-1-94, there were 5 textile mills registered with Board for Industrial Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as sick. The names of mills are given below:—

1. Punjab Spinning and Weaving Mills.

2. JCT Fibres Limited.

3. Khanna Silk Mills.

4. Shree Lalit Fabrics (P) Ltd.

5. Punjab State Hosiery and Knitwear.

Government have set up BIFR to evolve and manage rehabilitation package in respect of viable sick/closed mills.

(c) The Government on its own does not set up any new Cotton/Man-made